



**TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: CHARLIE LANTER, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: MAY 27, 2021

SUBJECT: Acceptance of \$150,000 in funding from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services for the Lexington Fire Department

Request: Council approval to accept funding for the Kentucky Opioid Response Effort from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, in the amount of \$150,000 to help fund the Community Paramedicine Program. No matching funds required.

Purpose of Request: The purpose of the grant is to enhance Quick Response Team capabilities through increased staffing within the Community Paramedicine Program. Grant funding will allow this to be accomplished by pulling a firefighter off the fire line to work in Community Paramedicine and paying the backfilled overtime cost generated by the move. Currently, Community Paramedicine is staffed with one firefighter and one fire captain for a total of two members assigned. Budget requests have been made for increased staffing, and this grant will help bridge the gap in staffing needs until a permanent funding solution emerges.

The Kentucky Opioid Response Effort (KORE) seeks to expand and sustain a comprehensive, equitable recovery-oriented system of care to end the opioid epidemic that has reached into every community in Kentucky. To achieve this aim, KORE and its partners commit to a trauma-informed care and anti-racist framework to reduce overdose deaths and increase access to high quality, evidence-based prevention, treatment, and recovery support services.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? Estimated cost is \$150,000. No costs are anticipated in future years.

Are the funds budgeted? FY22 budget amendment is in process.

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Director/Commissioner: Wells/Armstrong

